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## Vice Admiral John L. Hall Will Speak At Graduation; Mortar Board, ODK Plan Joint Tapping Convocation

### Rev. Harry L. Doll To Give Address At Baccalaureate

Vice Admiral John Lesslie Hall, Jr., of the United States Navy will speak at the commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 12, and receive the only honorary degree of Doctor of Law given at this time.

The Reverend Harry Lee Doll of St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, Md. will deliver the baccalaureate address Sunday morning.

Vice Admiral Hall received his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of William and Mary, following which he entered the Naval Academy and was graduated in 1913. He showed his interest in athletics while here at the college and later at the academy. In 1913 he was awarded the sword for general excellence in athletics from the Naval Academy.

During World War I he attained the temporary grade of Lieutenant Commander, and in June 1940 he was assigned to command the U. S. S. Arkansas.

#### World War II Record

Vice Admiral Hall continued his outstanding record during World War II. Reporting for duty as acting Chief of Staff to the Commander, Western Naval Task Force in October 1942, he participated in the amphibious landings in French Morocco. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the Navy and the Order of Ouissam Alaouite from the Sultan of Morocco for services in assault on French Morocco.

In February, 1943, Hall was transferred to command the United States Amphibious Force in the Mediterranean. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and Gold Star in lieu of the Second Legion of Merit and was appointed Companion of the Order of Bath (Great Britain) by King George VI for combat services in the Mediterranean campaign.

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### WRVA To Carry Backdrop Musical

By special arrangements with station WRVA in Richmond, the cast and orchestra of the Backdrop Club's musical *Carry Me Back*, will transcribe a special half-hour radio condensation of their show to be broadcast over that station.

While the broadcast will be recorded through special remote facilities from Phi Beta Kappa Hall this Thursday, the actual broadcast time will probably come while the cast is performing on Phi Beta Kappa stage the following week.

On Friday of last week the entire company moved into Phi Beta Kappa Hall for the first complete rehearsals of the show. Simultaneously the Backdrop Club box office in Phi Beta Kappa opened for special advance ticket sales. The Williamsburg performances of *Carry Me Back* are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 18, 19, 20. The box office will be open each day from 3 to 5 p. m. until the performance dates.



NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS of the Men's Honor Council are (Top, left to right) Ed Ward, Dick Mattox, chairman, and Sam Lindsay. Below, the junior editors of next year's FLAT HAT discuss plans in the Publications Office. They are (left to right) Hugh DeSamper, Shirley Spain, Fran Jewell, Jane Waters, Hugh Moore and Unkie McKean.

### WSCGA Members Pass Amendments At Meeting

One new amendment states that a senior member and a representative-at-large be elected to the Executive Council and the Judicial Committee, rather than two representatives-at-large.

The second amendment allows the senior members of each WSCGA committee to be eligible for election as chairmen in case a fall election is held to fill vacancies. It was also passed that the polls remain open from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. instead of from 4-6 p. m.

### Mattox Will Lead Men's Honor Council, Assembly Members Chosen In Election

Dick Mattox, Sam Lindsay and Ed Ward were elected senior members of the Men's Honor Council in the student elections held last Wednesday. Mattox and Lindsay were chosen chairman and vice-chairman by the council.

Hugh DeSamper, Chris Moe and Bill Watson will be the junior members of the council while Bernard Wittkamp will represent the sophomores. DeSamper will serve as secretary.

Those elected to represent the class of 1950 in the Student Assembly were Ed Brown, James Kirkpatrick, Ed Ward, Jeanne Bamforth, Barbara Campbell and Ann Cleaver.

Members of the Student Assembly from the class of 1951 will be Joe Mark, Roy Slezak, Robert Myers, Jan Laskey, Teddy Nicas and Sally Ross.

### Groups To Honor Campus Leaders With Membership

Classes will be dismissed at 9:50 a. m. this Thursday, May 12, for the annual Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa joint tapping convocation in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

Mortar Board, founded at Syracuse University in 1918, is a women's honorary society whose members are elected in their junior year on the three-fold basis of service, scholarship and leadership. Women who are eligible must have obtained a scholastic record of .3 above the student body average during their years in college. This society endeavors to serve the college each year by fostering scholarship, by rendering its services wherever requested, and by encouraging a wholesome college atmosphere.

Omicron Delta Kappa is an honorary society whose membership is elected annually from the male student body on the bases of eminence in the fields of scholarship, athletics, social and religious activities, publications and other cultural activities. It was founded at Washington and Lee University in 1914 and was installed at William and Mary in 1921. The fraternity was inactive from the spring of 1943 until the spring of 1946.

Following the convocation the new members will be honored at a luncheon at the King and Kay Tea Room.

The present members of Mortar Board are Joan Felix, Dorothea Thedieck, Mary Beverley Wilson, Carol Achenbach, Virginia Lore, Eleanor Pendleton and Jean Canoles.

Members of Omicron Delta Kappa are Kenneth Scott, Richard Bethards, Herbert Bateman, Fred Kovaleski, David Saunders, Warren Sprouse, Robert Steckroth, Harvey Chappell and Louis Hoitsma.

### Bailey Announces Junior Staff Posts

Appointments of junior editors of the Flat Hat announced by Lou Bailey, next year's editor, are Hugh Moore, news; Jane Waters, features; Shirley Spain, morgue; Hugh DeSamper, sports; John R. O. (Unkie) McKean, make-up and Frances Jewell, women's sports.

Moore, a sophomore from South Boston, has served on the sports staff as assistant to the sports editor for the past year.

Jane, who resides in Portsmouth, is a member of the IRC and is on the critical staff of the *Royalist*. A sophomore, she belongs to Alpha Chi Omega.

DeSamper, who resides in Hampton, is a member of the track team and is the new secretary to the Men's Honor Council. He has served as assistant to the sports editor and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

McKean, a member of Kappa Sigma and the sophomore class has served as assistant to the make-up editor.

# Free Cut System

With the coming of warm, sunny days, picnics, sunbathing and spring fever, classroom boredom reaches a new peak and the inevitable discussions of a free-cut system arise with more and more frequency.

Most students seem to feel that they should be allowed to decide for themselves whether or not they need to attend a class. Those who argue against a free-cut system immediately answer that, if it were left up to the students, no one would come to class. Yet dean's list students, who enjoy the privilege of unlimited cuts, attend those classes which are interesting and valuable to them. It seems logical enough to assume that, given the same privileges, other students would do the same.

There are classes that would be emptied by a free-cut system and rightly so. We assume that anyone who is deemed qualified to offer a course on a given subject has something to contribute to his class. If he chooses not to contribute anything, his students shouldn't be required to contribute anything either. We know of one so-called lecture course where, after a semester of faithful attendance, we found we had two pages of lecture notes. Everything else brought up during the semester was either lifted directly from the textbook or totally irrelevant to the subject matter. The hours spent in compulsory attendance in the classroom might have been spent to better purpose at home reading the textbook. In a free-cut system, such a class would be empty, and the professor might benefit enough from the experience to be jolted into a little activity.

We realize that, in many courses, students register merely to meet their distribution requirements and not from any genuine interest in the subject matter. There is no doubt that this fact is discouraging to the professor and that his own interest in the course correspondingly wanes. We think this is a defeatist attitude. Educational material is just as salable a product as a cake of soap. Yet, not so very long ago, bathing was not an American habit. A little colorful advertising sold the American people on using soap, and it stands to reason that a little colorful teaching would sell a disinterested student on a required course.

A free-cut system could be compared to free enterprise. The faulty, poorly-advertised product would either have to improve or get crowded out of the market. The professor who offered his subject in a refreshing, original manner would not have an empty classroom.

J. L. F.

# Concert Committee

Lack of attendance at lectures and concerts has been the outstanding feature of these events for several years. We have begged and pleaded with the student body to attend these worthwhile programs, but we seem to have accomplished nothing. At each lecture the majority of the audience consists of faculty members and townspeople. Yet, most of these features are undoubtedly worth the two hours which they take up.

All of us make up excuses for failing to take advantage of the cultural and intellectual opportunities which these events afford; but to be honest with ourselves, we must admit that lack of interest is the underlying cause of a half-empty auditorium. Yet, probably any night of the week the movie theater can boast of a larger college attendance than a lecture or concert in Phi Beta Kappa Hall.

The problem, then, would seem to lie in making students want to attend these programs. This is not idealistic, because such performances as the Don Cossacks and the Army Band were attended by good-sized, enthusiastic audiences. If other lectures and concerts could be made equally entertaining, students would soon become habitual attenders.

A start could be made if each student could find at least one event a year in which he was truly interested. This could be accomplished through catering to a wide variety of tastes. If the lecture series included speakers in the fields of sports, psychology, business, sex, radio science, etc., certainly at some time everyone would want to attend.

Since the students know best what the students want, the ideal set up would be to make the Special Events Committee a student organization, working under the guidance of a faculty advisor, if necessary. This system would relieve the present faculty committee (of two) of a thankless job and place the responsibility in the hands of those whom it more directly concerns.

We realize that the existing Committee on Special Events is attempting to bring to the college speakers and musicians who will provide stimulation for our culturally apathetic student body, and their intentions are certainly laudable. However, before such a goal can be attained, interest in these events must be revived. If we must sacrifice a little to obtain popular appeal, let's do so. But let's not have our guest artists and speakers addressing more empty seats than filled ones.

J. E. C.

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## Exchange Scholar Finds Garry Davis Eccentric Fanatic

The storm aroused by World Citizen Garry Davis, son of society Bandleader Myer Davis, has somewhat subsided. However, William and Mary's exchange scholar to Exeter, Ed Casey, reports from Paris, "My several talks with Garry Davis have left me with the impression that he is sincere but eccentric and not a little fanatical. His outfit has attracted a large number of those who are always eager to espouse any cause—communists galore and a goodly number of sincere, idealistic and well-meaning young people. At present the organization, because of poor publicity, appears to be losing popular interest."

Casey also forwarded a publicity letter from Davis' International Registry of World Citizens, from which the Flat Hat has selected the following excerpts:

"... This registry will, for the first time, give to men and women in every land a chance to join together in voicing their demands for world peace through a world authority capable of recognizing and respecting the individual rights of all world citizens. The declaration of world citizenship by Garry Davis has brought to light this overwhelming desire of millions of the people for the highest level of citizenship, and for a single world government based on the will of all men for liberty and peace."

"Specifically, the IRWC is working toward an elected World Constituent Assembly to draft a charter for world government... The International Registry is not a membership organization. It has no ideology or political doctrine. It is a rallying point for every man and woman, no matter what party, group, religion, race, nation or organization he or she may belong to, who believes at the same time that Man's problems are One, and that they can only be resolved in a world community organized democratically under enforceable world law..."

## Slipstick

Editor's Note: The following joke is reprinted from the MIAMI HURRICANE, student publication at the University of Miami.

The parents of a girl going away to college gave a party in her honor. The little sister, only five, was packed off to bed at an early hour. Shortly after midnight the party disintegrated until there were only four couples left in the now darkened living room.

Down the stairs came the five-year-old girl, mad as the proverbial wet hen, her pajamas dripping. She stalked into the room indignantly and confronted each male guest:

"You or you," she declared pointing to each in turn, "left that seat up and I darned near drowned!"

## Miami Hurricane

Editor's Note: The following editorial is reprinted from the MIAMI HURRICANE student publication at the University of Miami.

There has been a constant fumbling in the world of education during the past months. The cause of all the noise is the controversy over whether communists should be permitted or forbidden to teach in American colleges.

The rumbling grew louder in the Florida area recently with the introduction of a bill in the state legislature which would ban the communists.

The issue is hotly debated, not only in academic circles, but among the public as well. Opinion, however, is nowhere unanimous.

## Letters To The Editor

It seems natural enough that we are prone to criticize, that is in a friendly way, something which we love in an effort to make it as near perfect as possible. We see this in the Flat Hat with "gripings" about the cafeteria in an effort to improve it and subtle hints that there are designated walks on campus to remind us to keep off

the grass and give it a chance to grow. For these reasons perhaps it would be good for a change to give us a compliment on something which I don't believe needs any improvement.

This "something" is the friendliness and helpfulness demonstrated by the students here.

The spirit of friendliness and helpfulness demonstrated by the students here is excellent. It is an intangible spirit but at the same time prevails strongly. It is an unusual thing to enter a school in mid-term and within three days to feel very much at home and to be very happy. But this is what happened to me in February and I'm not one of those beautiful people who is endowed with a magnetic personality. I found every one more than willing to answer what must have seemed to them very foolish questions and to tell more than once how to get to a particular building which after I had found it, I realized I couldn't have missed it if I had deliberately set out to do so.

There was always someone to come by the room at meal time to be sure I had someone to eat with. And more important after classes began and much of the time was spent worrying about the work, there were so many who wanted to lend last year's notes or who would be glad to help with Spanish at any time or who would gladly discuss philosophy every Friday night until you understood it.

I have heard people say that Texas is the state that really exhibits "southern hospitality" and even though I found it friendly, too, W&M certainly proves that one doesn't have to go 1500 miles to find true friendliness.

The most wonderful part of this friendliness is that it is contagious. After you have been treated so nicely you feel that you can hardly wait for a new class to enter so you can be as helpful to them as other classes have been to you. That is wonderful because it means the spirit of friendliness here will never die!

Sincerely,  
Name withheld by request.

To the Editor:

Shortly Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa will conduct their tapping services again. This is an honor that to be meaningful must be wisely bestowed. As most of the upper classmen will remember, last year there was some criticism regarding people with every qualification who did not receive this honor.

If tapping is to continue to be a mark of high distinction the two campus honoraries must make their selections more in keeping with campus opinion. We shall watch with great interest to see who is selected this Thursday.

Sincerely,  
Name withheld by request.

"Gosh," said the fair maiden upon returning from her first horseback ride, "I never thought that anything filled with hay could be so hard."

## Editor's Notes:

Editor's Note: The following excerpts were first reprinted in the TECHNOLOGY NEWS, student publication at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

There is perhaps a little cheating at Tech as at any college, meaning that 85 per cent of the student body practises it regularly and with varying degrees of ingenuity.

The fact is not particularly untoward, since cheating is made necessary by our present society, which defines education as a system of competitive examination to be given from kindergarten up...

...The conclusion is inescapable; there should be examination without competition, no fear as an incentive to study, no passing and no failure. Education would then have to be made as free, as just, as enjoyable as possible. That's treason: make the most of it.

—The Tennessee Tech Oracle.  
The important thing for us to do at Lake Forest is to stop the cheating. There are several ways to do this.

\* Do away with tests, and thus with cheating also. This would be impractical.

\* Have monitors checking examination rooms to stop cheating. Is this absolutely necessary?

\* Have students control cheating by tapping pencils on their desks until the person cheating stops. This is supposed to work in other schools.

\* Have open book exams, allowing students to bring any materials they believe might aid them.

\* Set up an honor system, with profs leaving the room after giving out the exams.

The Lake Forest Stentor.  
Looking at the question impartially, are we to label them outright thieves or justified revolutionists? We're we to do the former it would mean that over 50 per cent of our student body are candidates for the pen, if the figures on cheating at other schools hold good here, and I doubt that anyone is so foolish as to think they don't.

Or are we to call the boys justified revolutionists? In every case of cheating it would be ridiculous to maintain this, but in many others there might be substantial grounds for such a label.

Until every member of the faculty can convince every basically honest student that his practices are fair, can every student be expected to be fair in turn?

The Georgia Tech Technique.

## Discusses Educational Crisis

On one side of the fence, we have those who think that the communists should be allowed to keep their teaching positions because each teacher's private philosophy is no one's business but his own.

They point out that by firing the communists we would be defeating our purpose. They say that by blindfolding the student to the practices and principles of the Reds we would keep him from the very information which would convince him that our democracy is superior to the communistic state.

History indicates that suppression by a government has usually been correlated with the state's own downfall, they conclude. Opposed to this trend of thought

are those who think that communists should be barred from school posts because they present biased teachings. They say that when the truth is a matter of interpretation rather than evidence, the instructor is duty-bound to present the problem honestly and impartially.

Because the communist is committed by his creed to carry on the propaganda of his party in all circumstances, he cannot be impartial and honest, but must give a slanted presentation, they warn, and, therefore, he is unfit for the job of teaching.

The rumbling of dispute, as in the rumbling of a volcano, sometimes forecasts an eruption. An upheaval in the educational domain may be in the making.



# Tribe Runners Third In State; Netters Eye Tourney

## Gobblers Top Field To Win State Meet

The harriers of Virginia Tech finally succeeded in breaking the University of Virginia stranglehold on state track last Saturday at Cary Field, winning their first Big Six championship. The Techmen, with 52 points, had a comfortable margin over VMI, with 40 points, and William and Mary, with 27 points. Both those teams were given outside chances of copping the title. Other schools in the meet were Virginia with 26 points, W&L, with 12½ and Richmond with 7½.

Top performance of the day was provided by big Lou Creekmur of the Indians, who heaved the shot put 48 feet 8½ inches to crack the school, stadium and Big Six marks. The latter mark was 18 years old.

### Bell Leads Point Makers

Keydet Bobby Bell was high point man for the meet, gaining firsts in the discus and broad jump, and a third in the shot put. Other double winners were Tribesman Sam Lindsay, Cavalier Dan Mohler and Techman Otie Meriwether.

Tech showed strength plus depth in most events, which paid off handsomely. Several members of the victorious team did much better than expected, another factor in the well-earned victory.

Flashin' Sam Lindsay, who is now proven the best miler and half-miler in the state, won going away in both his events. He was followed in the half-mile by Dick Scofield for the Tribe's only other place in the distances, which came as a big surprise. The weight crew came through with flying colors, with Lou Hoitsma following Creekmur in the shot, and George Hughes taking fourth. Chuck Williams made the best of a very poor start and battled to a fourth in the 100.

### Winning Throws

Harry Wenning took two throws in defense of his javelin title, but lost it to Wally Oref, of W&L. However, this was a noble effort on the part of the husky spearman, as he took second, and led until close to the end. His injured arm appears to be coming around, which may mean something when the conference meet rolls around in two weeks. The relay team completed the Tribe scoring with a fourth in that event. The winning VMI team cracked the relay record for Cary Field which they established last year.

In the freshman side of the meet, only two Papooses finished in the money, a note that gives little hope to the varsity for replacements next spring. Tommy Burke brought in a second in the shot put, while Johnny Copp took a fourth in the law hurdles.

## McCray Names Letter Winners

Recently announced by the office of Director of Athletics were letter winners in basketball, swimming and cross-country.

Cagers, under the tutelage of Barney Wilson, who received letters were Jim Akers, Bob Benjamin, Jere Bunting, Chet Giermak, Bob Holley, Peery Lewis, Fuz McMillan, Bill Ozenberger, Sherm Robinson, Wray Sherman, Charlie Sokol, and Jim Kelly, manager.

Swimmers, coached by Bill Harbour, receiving letters were Stuart DeWitt, Alfred Evans, Al Fitzgerald, Ed Friedman, Vic Janega, Bill Kerr, Bill Lehrburger, John Morgan, Waldemar Riley, Martin Rosencrans, John Stevens and Dave Rogerson, manager.

Cross-country harriers who were similarly awarded were Clyde Baker, Hugh DeSampier, Sam Lindsay, Bob "Bullet" Lawson, Bill Hawkins and John Riley. The hill-and-dalers were coached by Francis McFall, under the supervision of Track Coach Al Thomas.

## FEARLESS FRED ----- By Haynie

It may be interesting for those of us who will not be back at William and Mary next year to look back for a little while at the college's accomplishments during the past decade, for it was a decade ago when the war-interrupted careers of some present students began.

William and Mary has come a long way during the wartime years and those around it.

And it is interesting to note that these accomplishments have covered almost every phase of campus life—not just the sports with which we have been rather closely concerned during the past couple of years.

In sports, William and Mary has become a school in the same league with the big boys, whether the big boys like it or not. Instead of a school which sent teams on the athletic fields to take some victories and generous portion of shellackings, the Reservation has become the home of teams which are beaten only occasionally and more seldom are beaten badly. After the Indian football team gained national prominence, teams in other sports, mainly tennis and basketball began to do likewise.

The sports rise of William and Mary appears to be one of the important causes for the college's advancement in other lines. Whether it is proper for the country's best football player to get untold columns in the press and the outstanding student to get little or none, it is a reality. The favorable publicity of a good, sound football team is one of the greatest selling points of the college and attracts many students.

A football team of note can also draw together an alumni body as can few other things. William and Mary now has about 15,000 alumni, and that group is growing at a rapid rate with the present abnormally large graduating classes adding to its ranks annually.

The combination of a strong student body and a strong alumni is a hard one to beat, and those elements of the William and Mary setup are growing both in stature and wisdom.

Good spirit by these groups must of course be based upon the firm foundation of high academic standards. The standards at William and Mary have been raised to the present 1.0 average for graduation during the residence of many of the present students. A number of

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## NC's Seixas Will Defend Singles Title

William and Mary will enter a team of eight men in the Southern Conference tennis tournament at Chapel Hill, N. C., which gets underway Thursday, it has been announced by Dr. Sharvy G. Umbeck, coach.

Following the week end competition, the Braves will attempt to sew up their fifth straight Southern Conference championship by defeating the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Monday. The team championship is awarded on the basis of regular matches, and the Braves and Tar Heels are currently tied, both without a defeat in the conference.

The Braves will have their hands full if they hope to take any championships at the tournament, with such fine players as Vic Seixas and Clark Taylor of Carolina and Roddy of Davidson blocking the way.

### All Regulars Go

Dr. Umbeck will take to the tournament all the men who have been playing regularly, and will enter the maximum number of men. The W&M playing squad will include Fred Kovaleski, Howe Atwater, Bob Galloway, Jim Macken, Dick Randall, Huck Cole, Lyman Chennault and Bill Ozenberger. Doubles teams will consist of Kovaleski and Atwater, Randall and Macken, Galloway and Ozenberger and Cole and Chennault.

Play will get started Thursday morning or afternoon, with the heavy day scheduled for Friday. It will be necessary for the winners in the singles to play about five rounds, with doubles winners playing a little less.

Seixas, one of the top ranking players in the country, probably will be seeded one, with Kovaleski two. Others which are in line for seeding include Atwater, Roddy, Clark Taylor of Carolina and possibly Galloway.

### Three Powers

So, the championships probably will be decided between W&M and UNC, with Davidson a possibility. Other schools which will enter teams are N. C. State, Duke, Wake Forest, Maryland and probably The Citadel.

Probably the best William and Mary chance is for Kovaleski and Atwater to take the doubles title. Two years ago, when William and Mary had three out of four doubles teams in the quarterfinals, these two downed Seixas and Taylor before losing the title to Tut Bartz and Gardner Larned of W&M.

This year's tournament should be one of the most hotly contested in recent years, with the big two of the conference dominating the situation.

During the past week, the Braves have run their consecutive win streak to 72, taking the measure of Davidson, Wake Forest, Duke and Washington and Lee.

Davidson offered the only serious opposition in a match on slow courts at the Williamsburg Inn. The Wildcats drew the match out to four hours and a quarter on the limited playing space before dropping a 5-2 decision. Bob Galloway and Bill Ozenberger lost in the singles.

### Easy Wins

In other matches, William and Mary breezed through to 9-0 victories over the Wake Forest Deacons, Duke's Blue Devils and Washington and Lee yesterday. The only match in which any opposition at all was encountered was the Duke contest.

Today the team was scheduled to play at Navy before heading South for the tournament. The tournament and the dual match with North Carolina Monday will close out the regular season for W&M.

## Braves Slap Navy Baseball Team By 10-3

William and Mary's baseball Indians, taking a week's breather from conference wars, stepped outside of league play during the past week to rack up another three wins while being upset once.

Yesterday afternoon on the local diamond, Captain Tommy Korczowski belted three hits, including his seventh home run of the campaign, and batted in five runs to pace the Braves to an easy, 10-3, conquest of Norfolk Naval Receiving Station.

Korczowski's homer came in the first frame with second baseman Paul Webb aboard. He batted in Webb again in the fourth with a double and then singled home two more in the seventh.

Harry Robison poled his second round tripper in as many games, bringing Korczowski in ahead of him in the third.

Webb had four singles for the day and had little respect all afternoon for the opposing catcher's arm. Webb swiped four bases during the course of the game.

Jimmy Stewart worked the distance for the Indians, allowing but six well scattered hits. Two fast double plays helped him out of holes.

Saturday afternoon the Indians made the most of seven hits to whip the Apprentice School Shipbuilders, 9-7, at Newport News.

Bill Stone and Randy Mallory combined talents to hold the Apprentice batsmen in check. Each

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# Lambda Chi Leads Fraternity Nines With Eight Wins; Sigma Rho Second

With softball still occupying the present limelight, and with bowling, horseshoes and track slated shortly to become the focal point of attention, the spring intramural program is going "great guns."

Last week in the fraternity softball league Sigma Pi trounced Phi Kappa Tau, 12-2; Theta Delt slid by Pi Lambda Phi, 5-4; Sigma Rho defeated KA, 18-10; Kappa Sigma, in one of the biggest upsets of the week, took the measure of SAE, 7-6; Theta Delt knocked aside Phi Alpha, 12-7.

Lambda Chi Alpha, currently occupying the first place in league standing, crushed Pi Lambda Phi, 14-3; KA edged out Sigma Pi, 2-1; Sigma Rho defeated Sigma Pi, 14-4; PiKA took Theta Delt, 6-0; KA overwhelmed Pi Lambda Phi, 12-4; Phi Tau brushed by Kappa Sigma, 11-9; Lambda Chi slaughtered Phi Alpha, 18-2; Pi KA took Phi Tau, 7-2.

Independent league results last week were as follows: Flying Vets over Red Carnations, 10-4; Purple Passioners over Rolfe House Rowdies, 28-27; Rubber Guts over Rolfe House Rowdies, 18-2; Red Carnations over Red Mill A. C., 6-5; and Canadian Clubbers topping Red Mill A. C.

Quite a number of men, par-

ticularly Sigma Rhos, have been working out at the track recently in preparation for the intramural track meet May 23-24. This event holds promise of being extremely interesting from both the spectator and participant point of view.

The intramural office has announced that all first round horseshoe matches must be played by tomorrow. There will be strict conformance with this deadline.

Softball standings to date are as follows:

Fraternity League		
	Won	Lost
Lambda Chi Alpha	8	0
Sigma Rho	6	1
Pi KA	5	1
SAE	4	2
KA	3	4
Kappa Sigma	3	4
Phi Kappa Tau	3	4
Theta Delta Chi	3	4
Sigma Pi	2	5
Pi Lambda Phi	1	7
Phi Alpha	0	6
Independent		
Flying Vets	4	0
Canadian Clubbers	3	0
Rubber Guts	4	1
Sigma Roses	3	1
Red Carnations	4	3
Purple Passioners	3	3
Studs	1	3
Red Mill A. C.	0	5
Rolfe House Rowdies	0	6



**MILE WINNER**—Sam Lindsay is shown finishing first in the mile at the Big Six track meet here last Saturday. W&M finished third as VPI won.

# Tribe Linksters To Swing Westward To Face Generals, Gobblers, VMI

## Women Netters Will Play Host To Westhampton

For the first time this season the varsity women netters will take on a college match on their home courts. The local team will vie with Westhampton College of Richmond on Saturday, May 14, at 2 p. m.

In their only other start of the season in college competition, the W&M team was defeated last Tuesday by a strong Sweet Briar combination. Those who made the trip were Shirley "Leo" Lyons, Marietta Parks, Betsy Graves, Joan Kohler and Elinor Hanson. With the exception of Shirley, these are all newcomers to the squad and have shown considerable promise. Miss Martha Barksdale, coach, accompanied the team on this trip.

The line-up for Saturday's match will probably find Ruth Barnes playing in the number one singles position, with Shirley Lyons and Elinor Hanson in the other two singles' spots. Two doubles matches will be played also, but it is still indefinite as to who will play these for the locals.

The Tribe golfers will make a three-day invasion of the western part of the state starting tomorrow with the Generals of Washington and Lee at Lexington. On the succeeding days, the Braves will engage VPI at Blacksburg and return to Lexington for a match with the VMI Keydets.

The match with the Techmen is expected to be the toughest, as they are reputed to be exceptionally strong. A well balanced line-up has resulted in Tech's sustaining only one loss this season.

The N. C. State swingers took the measure of the Tribesmen on the Inn links last Wednesday in a hard-earned 16-11 battle. Doug Weiland shot a 71 to win his round and post low score for the Tribe, but State's Bob Turnbull turned in the best round of 70.

Victories were posted by Weiland, and Donahue for the Redmen, while Weeks tied his round. McCormack, Hendrich and Conkey dropped their rounds.

The selection of Bob Steckroth as head of athletics at Warwick High School will mean that a William and Mary man is coaching football at all three of the Peninsula's group I high schools. Besides Steckroth are Lou Plummer at Newport News and J. M. (Suey) Eason at Hampton.

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## Coed Softball Play Continues

Beginning the third week of women's softball competition, Theta took the upper hand over Gamma Phi with a 9-8 decision on Monday, May 2. The Kappa's added another win that day with a 7-2 victory over Phi Mu.

In the Tuesday games, Chi O II defeated Kappa II by an 11-4 margin. The Town Girls handed the Jefferson team its first loss by taking a 14-13 decision while Theta II knocked off Chi O II, 13-8. To wind up the day's play, the Tri-Delts trounced Phi Mu, 8-1.

On Wednesday, KD crushed another opponent, the previously unbeaten Chi O nine, 10-5. Thursday saw the Theta's down Phi Mu, 20-13. Winding up the week's intramural play, Tri-Delt defeated Alpha Chi, 9-4.

An eminent statesman attended the unveiling of a bust of himself at a university. A young woman said: "I hope you appreciate that I have come 50 miles to see your bust unveiled." Whereupon the statesman replied: "I would go 1,000 miles to see yours."




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## Women's Wives

By Dolores Heutte

A lot of things happen in the Spring in Williamsburg—some of them good, like tennis matches and picnics—some of them bad like rain!! But one of the least known and publicized of spring events is the annual selection of the Board of Managers for Women's varsity and intramural sports. A word or two has been mentioned in these columns about the activities of a few of the managers, but not a word about the group as a whole.

The managers chosen to serve next year include Nancy Jackson, who will take on the responsibility for the varsity hockey squad, and Bobbie Wells, who will see that hockey intramurals are run wisely and well. The varsity tennis team will be managed by Shirley Lyons and the tennis intramurals will be handled by Betsy Graves. Avery Leavitt has been named to head the swimming, which includes both intramurals and varsity competition.

Three women have been chosen

to run the female basketball show next year; Dot Grindler, assisted by Ann Huffman, will handle the job for intramurals, with Betty Riggins taking on the burden of the varsity sextet. The dance group, Orchestis, will be headed by Nancy Leigh Hall. Jo Jonscher, recently elected president of the Fencing Club, has been chosen to run the fencing intramurals. Badminton competition will be handled by Katie Byers, while ping pong is in the hands of Doris Hamilton. Jeanne Vester and Sidna Chockley have been named co-hostesses and Fern Doss will once again take on softball intramurals.

Over-all publicity chores will be handled by Betsy Page, while Fran House has been named Student Head of Intramurals. Miss Inez Smith will once again be acting Faculty Head of Intramurals.

With such a fine group running the women's sports program next year, it's a sure bet that it's going to be a mighty successful season.

## Four New Racquetmen Play Regularly For W&M's National Tennis Champs

Upon the graduation of Bernard (Tut) Bartzan, captain, and Bobby Doll from last year's National Intercollegiate Championship tennis team, Coach Sharvey Umbeck was faced with the gigantic task of adequately filling four gaping holes in his 1949 lineup.

Numbers two and six in the singles were left vacant, while the first and second doubles combinations were halved. All this on a team aiming for the all-time record for consecutive matches won.

Fred Kovaleski, Howe Atwater, Bob Galloway and Captain Jim Macken retained regular berths and left the way clear for new faces at number five and number six in the singles and number two and number three in the doubles.

Dick Randall, who alternated with Doll for part of the season last year at the last position, latched onto the fifth place slot for keeps. Howson (Huck) Cole, a graduate student playing his first year with the Braves, has filled sixth place.

Over in the doubles, Kovaleski and Atwater combined to form the number one tandem team, leaving Macken and Galloway to find new mates. Macken added Lyman Chennault as his partner and Galloway picked up Bill Ozenberger.

### Baseball

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fanned four. Again the Korczowski-to-Webb-to-Ward combination helped out over the rough spots with three twin killings.

The upset of the year in Virginia college baseball circles was staged last Thursday afternoon in Ashland when Randolph-Macon turned tables on William and Mary by a 10-7 score.

Randolph-Macon, a team W&M had beaten earlier in the year, 14-2, came from behind a four run deficit in the eighth to score seven runs and go on to win.

Four Indian pitchers couldn't stop the merry-go-round as twelve Jackets paraded to the plate. Bob Gill finally cooled their bats but not until too late.

Robison's two triples, one with the sacks jammed in the seventh, were the most potent show W&M could muster for that day.

Coach Orlin Rogers' lads made it two this season over Quantico when they downed the Marines last Wednesday night, 5-1, on the fine three-hit hurling of Gill. He struck out ten.

while a student at Maury High School, and lists several other top honors in play in the state.

The versatile Ozenberger, who is already known for his basketball playing, is adding to his laurels this season in his role as a regular doubles man. He is from Hinsdale, Illinois.

A junior, Bill is an Army Air Force veteran and is married. He is studying personnel administration at William and Mary.

Chennault, from Doll's home town of Tampa, Florida, is playing his third season for the Indians. When the year started he made a strong bid for a regular position and landed one in the doubles.

Like his newcomer mates, Chennault spent time in the service, in this case, the Navy.

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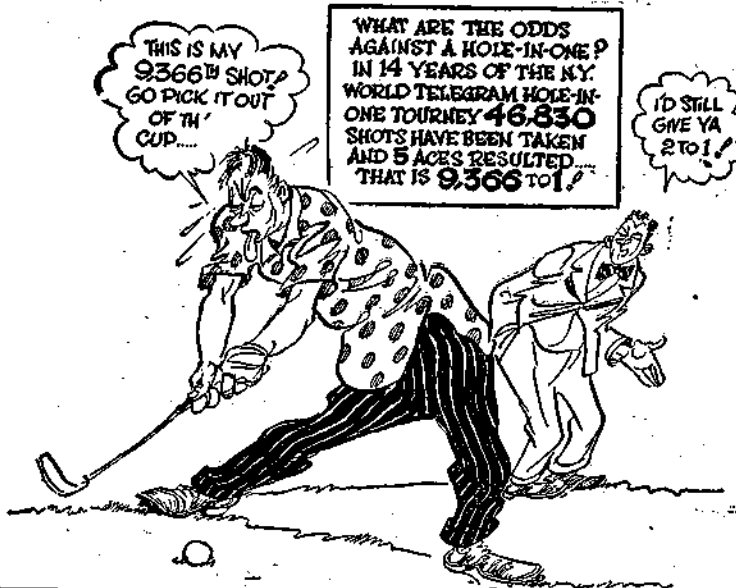
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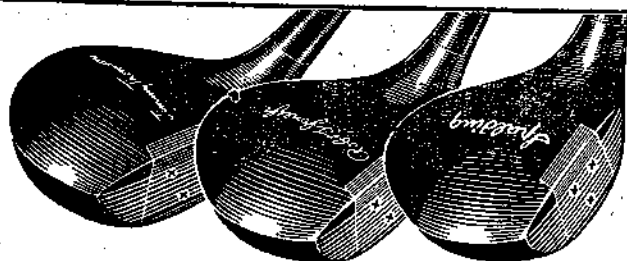
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# Smoke Signals

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courses have been added to make the study program a more comprehensive one.

William and Mary students are outstanding among those of American colleges. Their abilities are indicated by their high IQ ratings and the outstanding work done in graduate school by people who were undergraduates here.

The sports of William and Mary add an attraction and a mutual interest for many which make the college outstanding.

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Action in the college Big Six track meet Saturday, while not

offering the maximum enjoyment to William and Mary fans, did nevertheless give the assembled crowd a number of fine performances. Among these were the quarter mile run, Sam Lindsay's fine half mile and mile and Lou Creekmur's record breaking heave of the shot.

When the whole subject of the meet's outcome is boiled down, the resultant answer is, "too much all-around strength for VPI." The Gobblers brought to the Reservation a team which deserved to win the state title by virtue of power in the sprints, field events and two mile run.

VMI was something of a surprise to many of the spectators for its strong showing in several phases of the meet. The Keydets put on a strong burst of strength in the late events to pull up into a strong second position.

George Passage gave a good commentary on his performance in the first of two spots on WRVA, broadcasts from Cary Stadium.

# Freshman Tennis Team Is Impressive With Decisive Win Over Norfolk Team

The William and Mary freshman tennis team, making its third start last week against the Norfolk Division swingers, showed they had plenty of the same stuff of which their big brothers are made of. They ripped through the Norfolk team, 8-1, with little trouble.

Leading the Papooses was Tommy Boys, junior ace who ranks high nationally. He lost little time in disposing of Arthur Williams, 6-1, 6-2. Then Ron Barnes finished off David DeBing in convincing fashion, 6-0, 6-2.

Sam Woods, Jr., of Richmond, went through Lee Addison, 6-1, 6-2.

Garner Anthony took a pair of love sets from Steve Haines to win the number four singles, and Bob Hoffman won, 6-0, 6-3 over Roger Barlow.

Ross of William and Mary lost the only point, falling before Billy Hughes, 6-4, 6-1.

In the doubles, Anthony and Boys dusted off Williams and DeBing, 6-4, 6-3 and Barnes and Woods took straight love sets from Barlow and Charles Streich. Hoffman and Ross had no trouble in subduing Bill Saunders and Robert Drake, 6-0, 6-1.

The Papoose team looks like a strong one and one which will assure tennis of a fine quality for years to come at William and Mary.

King Arthur: I hear you have been misbehaving.

Knight: In what manor, Sir.

# Archery Tournament Set For Thursday

The women's archers of William and Mary will take aim and begin shooting in the Open Archery tournament which starts Thursday and lasts through next Monday.

Contestants for the tournament are still being accepted.

Two practices are required before the opening day.

The team will travel to Richmond Monday to shoot the Columbia rounds at Westhampton. That competition will continue through May 18.



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**RHAPSODIC** (rap-sod-ik)—charged with emotion, usually of delight.

**SHARD** (shard)—a broken piece or fragment.

**VERTIGINOUS** (vur-ij-in-us)—giddy, dizzy.

## Dean Jeffers Appoints Thirty New Sponsors

Thirty girls have been appointed by Dr. Katharine R. Jeffers, dean of women, to serve as freshman sponsors next fall.

Those appointed are Johnette Braun, Nancy Cooper, Pat Forehand, Carolyn Forman, Jean Fried, Evelyn Gardner, Anne Hall, June Hall, D. D. Harris, Mally Harvey, Pat Hedman, Pat Hitchcock, C. J. Hodgdon, Anna Hooker, Peggy Hughes, Jane Kyle, Pattie Lambert, Bobbie Lamont, Carolyn Lay, Beverly McAnally, Anne McGraw, Phoebe Martin, Wendy Phillips, Claudie Richmond, Sally Ross, Nancy Russell, Barbara Smith, Jean Tankard, Dorothy Urban and Julie Youngquist.

## Mecartney To Head IRC As President; Group Plans Picnic

Malcolm Mecartney was elected president of the International Relations Club at its last meeting. Serving with Mecartney will be Gurth Blackwell, vice-president; Betty Mitchell, secretary, and Walter Raymond, treasurer.

The club is also planning a picnic for Friday, May 13, at the shelter from 4 to 7 p. m. A meeting of the initiates to discuss plans for the picnic will be held tomorrow, May 11, in the Dodge Room at 8 p. m.

Students interested in joining the IRC and coming to the picnic are asked to contact Herbert Drennon, instructor in government, in Marshall-Wythe 304, or one of the club officers not later than Wednesday night.

## — May 11 Through 16 on the — COLLEGE CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, May 11

Canterbury Club communion—Wren Chapel, 7:25-8 a. m.  
Home Economics Club meeting—Washington 303, 4-5 p. m.  
Phi Mu banquet—Williamsburg Lodge, 6-8 p. m.  
Debate Council meeting—Washington 300, 6:30-8 p. m.  
Vespers—Wren Chapel, 6:30 p. m.  
Music Club meeting—Dodge Room, 7-8 p. m.  
Kappa Delta initiation—Kappa Delta house, 7-9 p. m.  
United World Federalists meeting—Apollo Room, 7-9 p. m.  
Balfour-Hillel Club meeting—BSU Center, 7:30-10 p. m.  
Spanish Club meeting—Barrett living room, 8-9 p. m.  
Philosophy Club meeting—Dr. Miller's house, 8-10 p. m.

### THURSDAY, May 12

Royalist meeting—Publications office, 4-6 p. m.  
YWCA picnic—Matoaka shelter, 5-7 p. m.  
Canterbury Club evensong—Wren Chapel, 5:15 p. m.  
Gamma Phi Beta dinner—Williamsburg Lodge, 6-7:45 p. m.  
Student-Alumni Association meeting—Barrett east living room, 7-8 p. m.  
Interclub Council meeting—Washington 300, 7-8 p. m.  
Mortar Board initiation—Great Hall, 10 p. m.

### FRIDAY, May 13

Balfour-Hillel Club meeting—Wren Chapel, 7-7:30 p. m.  
Lambda Chi Alpha dance—Pagoda Room, 9 p. m.-12 midnight.

### SATURDAY, May 14

Biology Club field trip—Dismal Swamp, all day.  
Phi Kappa Tau picnic—Yorktown, 1-7 p. m.  
Sigma Rho picnic—Yorktown, 1-7 p. m.  
Balfour-Hillel Club picnic—Yorktown, 1:30-9 p. m.  
Phi Mu picnic—Yorktown, 2-9 p. m.  
Lambda Chi Alpha picnic—Yorktown, 2-9 p. m.  
Theta Delta Chi picnic—Yorktown, 2-9 p. m.  
Gamma Phi Beta initiation—Gamma Phi Beta house, 7-11 p. m.  
Baptist Student Union open house—BSU Center, 7 p. m.-12 midnight.  
Chi Omega dance—Pagoda Room, 9 p. m.-12 midnight.  
Kappa Alpha dance—Williamsburg Lodge, 9 p. m.-12 midnight.

### SUNDAY, May 15

Canterbury Club communion—Wren Chapel and Bruton Parish, 8-9:30 a. m.  
Wesley Foundation meeting—Methodist Church, 9:45 a. m.  
Newman Club breakfast—Williamsburg Lodge, 10:30-11:30 a. m.  
Balfour-Hillel Club luncheon—Williamsburg Lodge, 1 p. m.  
Kappa Alpha Theta picnic—Yorktown, 1-6 p. m.  
Chi Omega picnic—Yorktown, 2-8 p. m.  
Pi Kappa Alpha picnic—Yorktown, 2-9 p. m.  
Canterbury Club evensong practice—Bruton Parish, 5 p. m.  
Lutheran Student Union vespers—Wren Chapel, 5 p. m.  
Varsity Club picnic—Matoaka shelter, 5-8 p. m.  
Baptist Student Union meeting—BSU Center, 5:30-8 p. m.  
Canterbury Club supper—Bruton Parish, 6-8 p. m.  
Newman Club meeting and supper—Walsingham Academy, 6-8 p. m.  
Westminster Fellowship meeting—Presbyterian Church, 6-8 p. m.

### MONDAY, May 16

Red Cross Unit meeting—Pender's Building, 5-6 p. m.

## Chapel Audience To Hear Address By W&M Student

Walter Mitchell will speak at the chapel service tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. on the topic **Work**, as the first in a series of student speakers.

Mitchell is a senior majoring in sociology. In September he plans to attend the Southwest Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Previously he served as chaplain's assistant in the Infantry for a year.

Dr. Edgar M. Foltin, professor of psychology, addressed chapel last Wednesday evening on the subject **Farewell**. This was his last chapel address before leaving the college in June.

Dr. Foltin first expressed his thanks for faithful cooperation to the choir, speakers, members of the chapel committee, members of the Student Religious Union, and all those who had participated in the service. He went on to say, "My life has been one of change... it is not easy to pull up deep roots, but it is healthy. We must remember that nothing material is really ours; it is merely a loan." He pointed out that moving and death are very similar in that both are a step to an unknown adventure which requires a sacrifice to be attained.

After leaving Williamsburg in June, Dr. Foltin plans to spend the summer in Haiti and Jamaica to do research on voodooism. From there he will go to Pittsburgh to join the faculty of Pennsylvania College for Women.

## Wythe Law Club Elects Harvey Chappell President

The Wythe Law Club elected the following officers at its meeting on Wednesday, May 4: R. Harvey Chappell, Jr., chancellor; Wallace Heatwole, vice-chancellor; Jay Ball, clerk; William White, reporter, and Harry Sizemore, bailiff.

Members of the club held a picnic at the shelter on Friday, May 6.

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# Greek Letters

**Lambda Chi Alpha** announces the recent pledging of Howard R. Straughan Jr. \* \* \* \*

Elaine Akehurst, '48, recently visited the **Alpha Chi Omega** house. The sorority held its annual spring dance and picnic on May 6 and 7. \* \* \* \*

An Apache dance was held last Saturday in the Pagoda Room by **Theta Delta Chi**. On May 14 the annual Theta Delt picnic will be held at Yorktown. \* \* \* \*

Jane Bass, '48, and Barbara Rommel, '48, visited the **Gamma Phi Beta** house last week end. \* \* \* \*

Virginia Kappa chapter of **Sigma Alpha Epsilon** announces the election of the following officers on May 3, 1949: O. B. Root, eminent archon; Randy Davis, eminent deputy archon; Don Ashby, eminent recorder; Bob Thomas, eminent treasurer; Joe Mark, eminent warden; Buddy Lex, eminent herald; Dick Murphy, eminent chronicler; Jack Shields, eminent chaplain; Joe Giordano, intramural manager; Roy Slezac, pledge trainer.

## Dr. Oliver Schedules Date For Comprehensive Exams

The comprehensive examinations for candidates for either the Master of Arts or Master of Education degree in the department of education will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, in Washington Hall, Room 212.

All graduate students interested in these examinations may make application in Dr. George J. Oliver's office, Marshall-Wythe, Room 116. The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, May 17.

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# W&M Musicians Will Give Recital

The final student music recital of the year will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 8 p. m.

Students who will participate are Michael Fletcher, baritone; Betty Williams, soprano; Adelaide Herman, pianist; Joe Brinkley, baritone; Claudia Richmond, pianist; Anne Dunn, soprano; Gay Rife, pianist, and Dennis Cogle, baritone.

George Sheehan was elected chairman of the social committee, with Glenn Rock and Bruce Henderson as assistants. The new house committee consists of George Heflin, chairman, Tom Palmer, Bud Grady, Bill Watson and Dave Wakefield, members. \* \* \* \*

Mary Wells Milam, national chapter visitor, spent two days at the **Chi Omega** house last week.

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Each year the society honors the

top senior in accounting at the five largest state schools. John G. Walker of Virginia and William H. Garren of Richmond will receive their awards tonight, along with Flagg, while winners at VPI and Washington and Lee will be honored by a society meeting at Roanoke, May 13.

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## Student-Alumni Association To Extend Work For Adjusting Incoming Students

The Tidewater Student-Alumni Association will meet Thursday, May 12, at 7 p. m. in Barrett living room, announced Bill Lee and Bill Nixon, co-chairman of the association, last week.

"The association is sponsoring a membership drive all this week and any Tidewater student who is interested in becoming a member is invited to join Thursday night," Nixon declared.

The latest undertaking of the association is a beach party to be held at the YMCA beach on the Ocean Highway near Virginia

Beach on June 15, disclosed Nixon and Lee. This beach party will be open only to members of the association and their guests. Many of the guests will include men and women planning to enter William and Mary next fall.

"Our hope," stated Nixon, "is to become acquainted with these people before they arrive at the college, therefore making them feel more at home and helping them to become adjusted to the college system more quickly when they arrive here in the fall."

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## — Mary Gerschank Active In Varsity Shows — Theatre Star Wins Barter Apprenticeship

By Jane Waters

"I never conscientiously intended to go into the theatre; it just happened . . . like Topsy, I guess it 'just grew'." For Mary Gerschank it started growing with her performance in her home town of Winchester, in a school production of *The Young in Heart*. It has since grown into a total of nine college productions, the role of Mammy Huzzit in *The Common Glory* and now the coveted Barter Theatre apprenticeship award.

### First College Role

Mary's first college role was that of the mother in *Joan of Lorraine* in her sophomore year. "The part was cut in the original; I'm sure Miss Hunt left it in just out of pity for me," she commented.

In her junior year Mary was in *The Skin of Our Teeth*, *Blithe Spirit* and *Passion, Poison and Petrification*; this year she has been in the cast of *The Great Campaign*, *The Candidates* and *The Cheats of Scapin*. Her performance in the 1948 Varsity show, *Take Your Time* is probably well remembered and she may be seen in the forthcoming *Carry Me Back*.

### Barter Award

This is the first year of the

## Commencement

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Vice Admiral Hall was then transferred to England and he played a leading role in the invasion of France. Here he was further honored by receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from the War Department, the Distinguished Service Order from Great Britain and the Officer of the Legion of Honor from France. He was also awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government and the Oak Leaf from the British government.

He was then transferred to the Pacific Theater in 1944 where he served on Okinawa with General Douglas MacArthur. Here he received the Navy Gold Star.

Following the Japanese capitulation, he commanded the Amphibious Task Force which landed the XI Army Corps in Tokyo Bay on Surrender Day, September 2, 1945.

### Position in Norfolk

In June, 1948, he became Commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk.

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### Mary Gerschank

Barter Theatre award of summer apprenticeship; its purpose is to supply one actor, one actress and one playwright with a summer's training with the group in Abingdon. Mary also received an appointment to the Plymouth Drama Festival at Priscilla Beach, Mass., but upon receiving the Barter award, she had to refuse it. It is with a rather heavy heart that she is passing up the *Common Glory* this summer.

A sociology major, Mary will re-

ceive her B.A. degree this June.

When asked what she considered her favorite role to be, Mary said she thought perhaps it was that of Madame Arcati in *Blithe Spirit*. "It didn't appeal at the time; I always wanted straight roles and always got character roles. I'm used to them now."

Mary's "bold and raucous comic style" for which a reviewer applauded one of her performances carries over into her off-the-stage life. "I'm perfectly normal," she said when approached for an interview, "I flunked biology and statistics; I'm absent-minded, forgetful, irrelevant and immaterial." And modest too, though she'd probably shriek to be told so. "Since I'm not a brain, whenever I'm in a play, either my studies or I suffer." This also stands contradiction.

Mary expressed a desire to learn to play the piano and sing . . . if she had time. As the situation now is, she has time for only a few snatched bridge hands, one of her favorite diversions. "I've been playing bridge for four years and just decided to learn the rules this year," she said.

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# Reviewer States Priestley's Play Fails To Convince

By Peter Boynton

The William and Mary Theatre under the direction of Miss Althea Hunt appeared last week in the fourth and final production of the year, *An Inspector Calls* by J. B. Priestley. The hardworking cast handled the difficult assignment in a highly creditable manner.

At the outset I wish to praise Fred Allen, designer, and Albert Haak, technician, for their exceptionally fine set. It was easily comparable to anything on the professional stage.

Of his play Priestley himself says that it is "an attempt to dramatize the history of the last thirty years or so, making everything cast a long shadow." Actually the shadows that Priestley sees are a good deal longer than those cast by any contemporary phenomena. He is talking about the age old problem of human relations, nor does he add much to the commandment "love thy neighbor" as it appears in literature from the Old Testament to Auden's blank statement, "We must love one another or die."

For my money the play itself fails to convince. The symbols are obvious, the action too contrived, and the dialogue, which elicited an occasional and unsolicited laugh from the house, was wordy, repetitious, and frequently pontifical. (I may add in passing that the audience seemed surprisingly titillated by such words as "mistress," "kept" and the like.) The dialogue was, however, pretty poor in spots, and although I may be guilty of picking minor faults, had I heard just one more mention of little Eva on a marble slab with her insides burned out, I would have taken a little disinfectant myself.

## Inspector's Role

In the central role of the Inquisitorial Inspector Goole, Howard Scammon was presented with a rather nasty problem: that of how to make an essentially dull part interesting. The role allowed little or no action which meant that Scammon was forced to make most of his effects with his voice alone. This he did with considerable success. And yet I can not agree with his handling of what action there was. Scammon elected to stalk rigidly around the stage on the off-chance that his curious gait might give an impression of spiritual efficacy. While rationally

I was aware that Inspector Goole was something like an incarnation of tolerance or love or Jesus, emotionally I was never quite persuaded.

I am convinced that the role of the Inspector is far less important than Scammon and Miss Hunt attempted to make it. To me the Inspector is little more than a mechanism with the function of exposing the unpleasant side of the Birling family.

As the play opens the Birlings are grouped around the dining room table, celebrating Sheila's engagement to Gerald. For a moment or two we are allowed to see the Birlings as they appear in their most favorable light. The scene was well done. Soon however, it is interrupted by the arrival of Inspector Goole and in

no time he has the Birlings grabbing frantically for the sherry. They then proceed to illustrate various traits that Priestley has selected for condemnation. Each of them has, in effect, a major role.

## Feminine Players Praised

Praise is due both Lucille Gerber and Marianna Brose. Lucille as Sybil Birling, the selfish and despicable product of a bourgeois environment, was convincing and consistent. She was a powerful and dominating figure in her major scenes.

As the daughter, Sheila, Marianna was perfectly cast and easily managed to achieve a well-rounded portrait of a young woman, sheltered and spoiled, yet sensitive and capable of responding to the tragedy of lives other than her own. One wished that a few of

her lines such as "O, don't you see!" might have been deleted. We all saw only too clearly and the reiterated exhortation vitiated some of its hoped for effect.

William Wilbur as Gerald Croft, too, was well cast and looked very much the part of the young English gentleman. But as a whole the performances turned in by Wilbur, Joseph Benedetti, and Christian Moe were uneven. Each

did well enough with the dialogue but seemed at a loss when not required to speak. Moe, in particular, moved with a jerkiness that I found irritating at times. Yet all three were excellent in their accounts of their relations with Eva Smith.

Constance Coen as Edna, the maid, was about as prompt in answering that bell as any maid I ever hope to employ.

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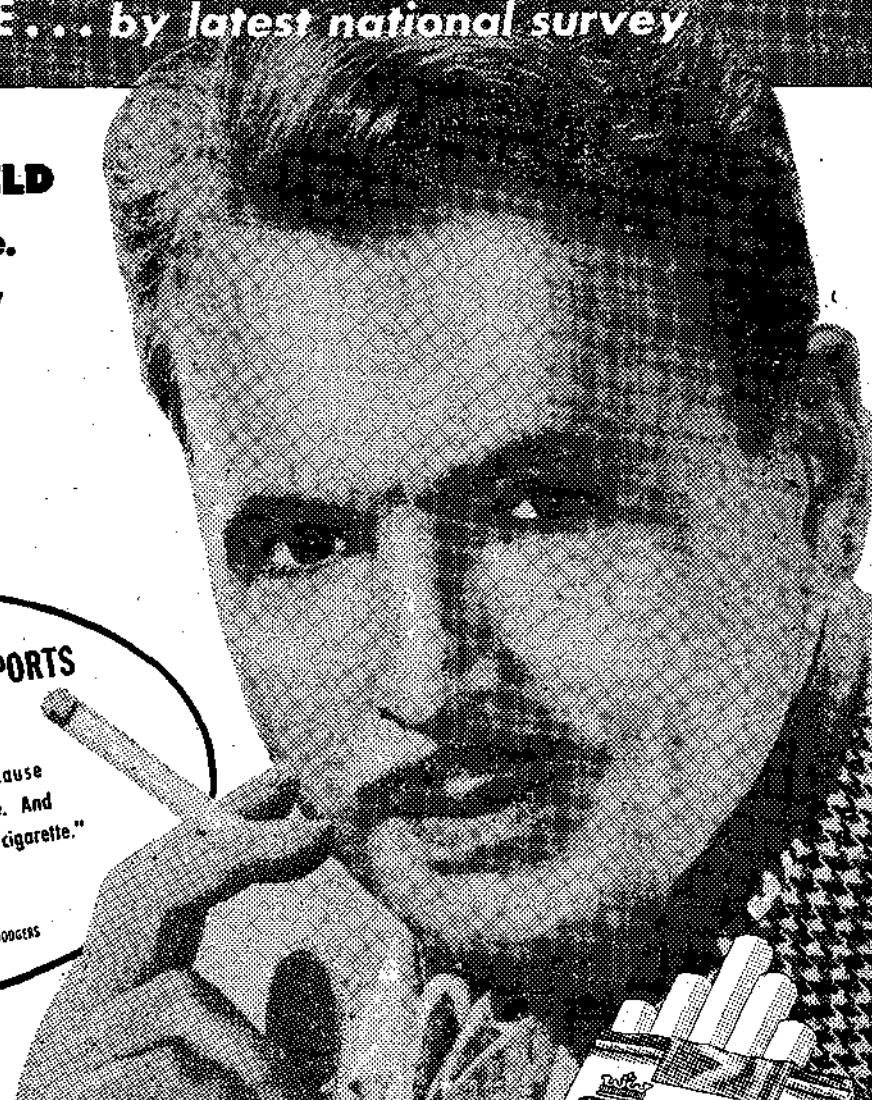
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